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ADVERTISEMENTS.

CONTRACTS.

LONDON and BIRMINGHAM RAILWAY.—Contract for Works.—The Directors of the London and Birmingham Railway Company will meet at the office, Euston Station, on Friday, the 12th day of May next, at 12 o'clock, to receive TENDERS for the CONTRACTS for the following WORKS:—

First—To make the Warwick and Leamington Branch Railway, from the Coventry Station of the London and Birmingham Railway to Kenilworth-common.

Second—To make the Warwick and Leamington Branch Railway, from Kenilworth-common to the terminus near Leamington.

Draft of the contract, with plans and specifications of the works, will be ready for inspection at the Resident Engineer's office, Camden-town, London, on and after May 1.

Printed forms of tenders may be had at the Resident Engineer's office, and no other will be attended to,

The tenders must be delivered sealed, addressed to the Secretary, and endorsed "Tender for Works," at the office, Euston Station, on or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the 12th of May, and parties tendering (or others duly authorized by them) must attend in person at the time of meeting.

The parties whose tenders are accepted will be required to enter into a bond with two sureties for the due performance of their contracts, in a penalty not less than 10 per cent. on the gross sum contracted for, and the names of the proposed sureties are to be specified in the tender.

The Directors will not bind themselves to accept the lowest offer.

The contractor, if he require it, will be furnished by the Company with a counterpart of his contract, at his own expense.

By order, RICHARD CREED, Sec.

Office, Euston Station, April 12, 1843.

CONTRACT for WORKS.—CHELTENHAM and GREAT WESTERN UNION RAILWAY.—Notice is hereby given, that the Directors of the Great Western Railway Company will receive at their office, at the Paddington terminus, on or before Thursday, the 16th of May, at 12 o'clock, TENDERS for the COMPLETION of the following CONTRACTS:—

Contract No. 1.—The entire completion of the railway, including the ballasting and every contingent work, excepting the permanent way, from the crossing of the mill stream near the Glocester and Painswick turnpike road at Glocester to the crossing of the turnpike road at Stonehouse, being a distance of about eight miles.

Contract No. 2.—The completion in like manner of that portion of the railway extending from the last-mentioned contract to a point near Frampton Mansel Farm, in the parish of Sapperton, a distance of about eight and a half miles.

Contract No. 3.—The completion in like manner of the portion of the railway extending from the last-mentioned contract to a point near the south side of Haleywood, being a distance of about three miles, and comprehending the Sapperton Tunnel, 2,200 yards in length, and the works immediately adjoining either end of the tunnel. The shafts (nine in number) are already completed, and a heading carried from the same and into the valley on the north side.

Contract No. 4.—The completion in like manner of the portion of the railway extending from the last-mentioned contract to the extreme end of the existing works at Kemble, being a distance of rather more than two miles and a half.

Plans and specifications of these contracts may be seen on and after Monday, the 24th inst., at the office of the engineer, J. K. Brunel, 18, Duke-street, Westminster, by the principal or by the agents of any parties having made previous application by writing and furnishing satisfactory testimonials of their competency.

The contractors will be required by the terms of the contracts to take upon themselves all risks and contingencies whatsoever, and to bind themselves under penalties to complete the works within the several periods stipulated, and to give very ample security for the fulfilment of these conditions, and none but parties fully competent to enter into such contracts, and to give the required securities, need apply.

TO BUILDERS AND OTHERS.

FIFTEEN NEW ALMSHOUSES are about to be ERECTED in the Parish of St. Giles, Cambridge. All persons desirous of CONTRACTING for the Erection of the same, or of any part thereof, may inspect copies of the Drawings and Specifications, at the office of Mr. Charles Pestell Harris, Solicitor, Cambridge; and also at the office of Mr. Joseph Parkes, Great George-street, Westminster, where also forms of Tender may be obtained, which on or before the 15th May, 1843, must be sent under sealed covers, either to Mr. C. P. Harris, Solicitor, Cambridge, or to Mr. Joseph Parkes, Solicitor, 21, Great George-street, Westminster, directed in the following form, viz.:—"To the Trustees of Storey's Almshouses, Tender for New Buildings."

Any person is at liberty to make Copies of the Drawings and Specifications at the office of the said Mr. Harris, or at the office of the said Mr. Parkes, free of charge.

Copies of the Plans and Specifications may be had at the office of Messrs. Capes and Stuart, Solicitors, Gray's Inn, on the parties paying for the same.

CONTRACTS.

TO BUILDERS.

NEW CHURCH, HALSTEAD, ESSEX. Any Builders wishing to TENDER for the ERECTION of the proposed NEW CHURCH at Halstead, are requested to signify the same to the Architects, Mr. George Gilbert Scott and Mr. W. B. Moffatt, of 20, Spring-gardens, London, before the 25th inst.: such as may apply after that time will be considered as bound to comply with any preliminary arrangements which may be made with previous applicants. The drawings may be seen by written orders from the Architects, or the Rev. Horace Roberts, Chapel-house, Halstead, on or any day after Monday, May 1. Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Rev. Horace Roberts, and endorsed "Tender for New Church," to be delivered at the Vestry-room of the parish church at or before one o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, May 23. The Committee do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest tender, and will require good security for the due performance of the works.

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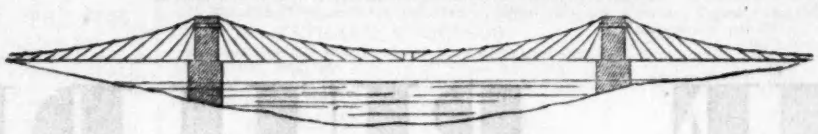

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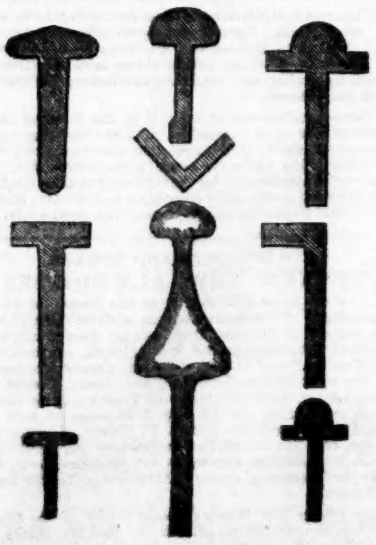

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Piper . .	10,200	0	0
Grissell and Peto .	10,127	0	0
Cubitt . .	9,980	0	0
Lawrence . .	9,885	0	0
Haynes . .	9,750	0	0
Burton . .	9,445	0	0
Lee . . .	9,366	0	0
Trego . .	9,365	0	0
Grimsdale . .	9,175	0	0

Tenders delivered April 20th, 1843, for rebuilding the Marquis of Granby, Chandos-street, Covent-garden.—Isaac Bird, Esq., Architect.

Wood . .	£1,799	0	0
Waples . .	1,648	16	4
Riches . .	1,495	0	0
Patrick . .	1,376	8	6
Hall . .	1,376	0	0
Lawrence . .	1,373	0	0

Tenders for the erection of two houses in Camberwell-grove, from the design of W. Bennett, Esq., Bull-head Court, Newgate-street.

Messrs. Ashby and Son	£2,075	0	0
Messrs. Bridger .	2,016	0	0
Charles Stevenson .	1,998	0	0

Architectural Competition.

Under this head we shall give notices of pending competitions, and shall feel obliged by our friends forwarding us the accounts of what may fall in their way of this character. We shall also be happy to give engravings of the selected designs; and think that, by such publicity, the present very defective system of decision may be amended. Publicity is sometimes a remedy when more direct measures have failed.

Brentford Union.—Infirmary at Isleworth for 100 patients.—May 2.—G. Clark, Clerk.

Liverpool—Four Terraces in the New Park—Premium 100 guineas.—Messrs. Atly Williams, Liverpool.

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

The following contracts are advertised in different papers, and we have kept a register of the particulars of each at the office, which may be referred to on application. In the continuation of this plan, which we flatter ourselves will be of service to our readers, material assistance will be rendered by the forwarding of papers from our country friends, or by any other means of notification, of which they may choose to avail themselves.

Bristol and Exeter Railway.—No. 1, 1 mile 58 chains; No. 2, 2 miles 4 chains; No. 3, 1 mile 36 chains.—Engineer-office, Temple Meads, Bristol.

Sewers.—Kingston Railway.—Mr. Stevens, 6, Clement's Inn.

To Pave Cheapside and a Portion of the Poultry with Wood.—Commissioners' Office, Guildhall, May 2.

Fifteen Alms Houses, Cambridge.—Mr. Harris, solicitor, Cambridge; Capes and Stewart, Gray's-Inn, London; and Mr. Parkes, Great George-street, Westminster.—May 15th, 1843.

Regent's Canal.—A Wharf wall and Shed.—May 3.—Edmund L. Snee, secretary.

Warwick and Leamington Railway—From Coventy to Leamington.—From May 1st to May 12.—Camden Town Station.—Richard Creed, secretary.

New Church, Halstead, Essex.—Messrs. Scott and Moffatt, Architects, 20, Spring Gardens.—May 23.

Cheltenham and Great Western Union Railway, Four Contracts.—J. K. Brunel, Engineer, 18, Park-street, Westminster, May 16.

Caledonian Canal.—For the Formation of a certain new, and the Reparation and Finishing of the Present Works on the Line of the Canal.—Messrs. Walker and Burges, resident engineer at Inverness.—12th July.

Prison at Peebles.—Alterations and Additions, with new Court House.—John Welsh, Esq., Clerk of Supply, Peebles.—10th April.

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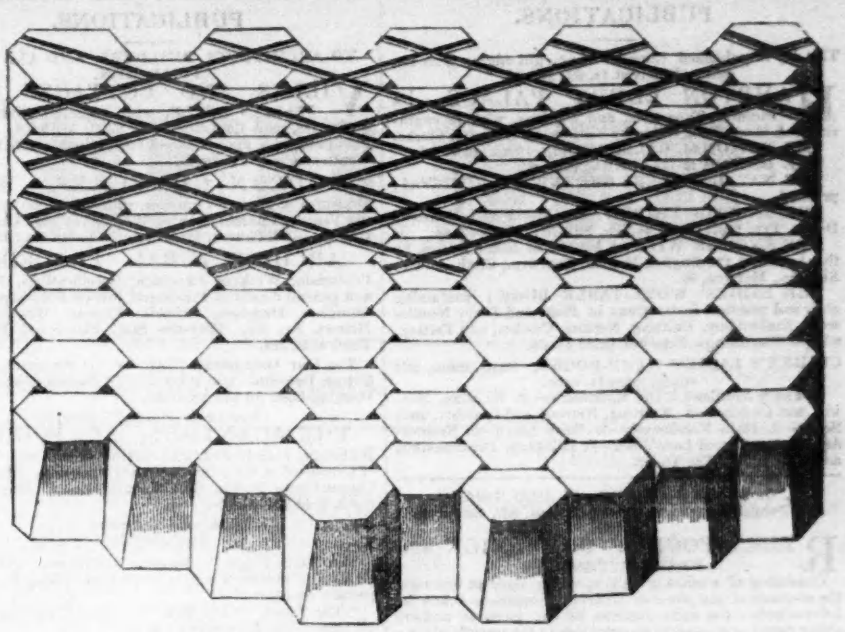

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We are compelled to insert the engraving again this week owing to an error on the part of the printers, who threw off a number of the impression of last week with the engraving inverted. We take this as the shortest mode of rectifying the error.

NOTICES.

TO OUR READERS.

As it is our anxious wish to do all we can to serve our class, we have resolved to keep a registry of advertisements and notices, to which an after reference may have to be made, in particular as to workmen wanted, and workmen wanting employment, by which means much good may be done beyond the mere period of advertising: as, for instance, in the case of any workman wanting employment, by calling at or writing to the office of The Builder, *he will have a good chance of ascertaining what may be open to him. On the other hand, masters and general employers may procure references to workmen, in cases of sudden emergency: both parties, therefore, will see it desirable to communicate information as it may arise. It is in this way that they will make us of that real use to them, which it is one great object of our life and labours to be. Also, in the matter of the inquiries of our country friends respecting any goods or articles advertised, we shall be happy to act as their agents, or in procuring things suited to their respective departments from the various London Houses. Of our London friends, therefore, we request such information as their circulars or other advertisements supply. Specimens of articles of a moderate size, if deposited at* The Builder *Office, will be readily referred to, and shewn to the friends and purchasers who may call.*

We have had a number of hand-bills printed by way of an advertisement of the character and objects of this Magazine. Our friends, and particularly the Workmen, can render us great service in the distribution of them, by posting up in workshops and buildings, as we remember to have seen in our younger days, in respect of notices in which the Working Builder was interested.

We again remind our readers, that we keep a register of applications for situations, and have already been instrumental in forwarding the objects of parties in that way. We have now on our list some eligible proposals from very respectable workmen wanting situations, some in the ordinary way, and some for improvement.

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"G. T." *is thanked for his sketch and information.*

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